

Reports of Sample Shipments of Chemical Weapon Precursors

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Stephen Baker, Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Ave., NW, room 6877, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This collection of information will be used to monitor sample shipments of chemical weapon precursors in order to facilitate and enforce provisions of the Export Administration Regulations that permit limited exports of sample shipments without a validated export license. The reports will be reviewed by the Bureau of Export Administration to monitor quantities and patterns of shipments that might indicate circumvention of the regulation by entities seeking to acquire chemicals for chemical weapons purposes.

II. Method of Collection

Quarterly written report.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0694-0086.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 225.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$3,825—no cost to the public other than providing the report.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 7, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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International Trade Administration

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Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Melamine Institutional Dinnerware Products From the People's Republic of China

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 13, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David J. Goldberger, Katherine Johnson, or Everett Kelly, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4136, (202) 482-4929, or (202) 482-4194, respectively.

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act") are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Rounds Agreements Act ("URAA").

Final Determination

We determine that melamine institutional dinnerware products ("MIDPs") from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value ("LTFV"), as provided in section 735 of the Act.

Case History

Since the preliminary determination in this investigation (*Preliminary Determination and Postponement of Final Determination: Melamine Institutional Dinnerware Products from the PRC* (61 FR 43337, August 22, 1996)), the following events have occurred:

On August 22, 1996, Chen Hao Xiamen alleged that the Department made a ministerial error in its preliminary determination. The Department found that there was an error made in the preliminary determination; however, this error did not result in a change of at least five absolute percentage points in, but no less than 25 percent of, the weighted-average dumping margin calculated in the preliminary determination. Accordingly, no revision to the preliminary determination was made. (See Memorandum from the MIDP/PRC Team to Louis Apple dated September 16, 1996.)

In September through November 1996, we verified the questionnaire responses of the following participating respondents and, where applicable, their affiliates: Chen Hao (Xiamen) Plastic Industrial Co. Ltd. ("Chen Hao Xiamen"), Dongguan Wan Chao Melamine Products Co., Ltd., ("Dongguan"), Gin Harvest Melamine (Heyuan) Enterprises Co. Ltd. ("Gin Harvest"), Sam Choan Plastic Co. Ltd. ("Sam Choan"), and Tar-Hong Melamine Xiamen Co. Ltd. ("Tar Hong").

Additional published information (PI) on surrogate values was submitted by petitioner and respondents on November 21, 1996. On November 22, 1996, the Department requested that Chen Hao Xiamen, Dongguan, Sam Choan, and Tar Hong submit new computer tapes to include data corrections identified through verification. This information was submitted on December 3 through 6, 1996.

Petitioner, the American Melamine Institutional Tableware Association ("AMITA"), and the respondents submitted case briefs on November 26, 1996, and rebuttal briefs on December 4, 1996. The Department held a public hearing for this investigation on December 6, 1996.